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### **CHANDLER AND GILBERT RESIDENTS SENTENCED TO 18 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR TRANSPORTING OVER 1,000 PIECES OF STOLEN MAIL TO LAS VEGAS**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** –The United States Attorneys Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on March 10, 2003, JEREMY STEPHEN ADOLPHS, D.O.B. February 28, 1974, of Gilbert, Arizona, and CARISSA RAYANN WHITEBREAD, D.O.B. April 11, 1981, of Chandler, Arizona, were each sentenced to 18 months in prison and ordered to pay \$8,541 in restitution for Conspiracy to Possess Stolen Mail in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371 and Possession of Stolen Mail in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1708, by United States District Judge Roslyn O. Silver, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Prior to the sentencings, Adolphs entered guilty pleas on October 11, 2002, and Whitebread entered guilty pleas on November 2, 2002. In the course of their guilty pleas, Adolphs and Whitebread admitted the following facts.

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During the period of September 19, 2001 through December 22, 2001, Adolphs and Whitebread conspired to commit the offense of Possession of Stolen Mail. In furtherance of the conspiracy, Adolphs and Whitebread performed the following acts in Arizona and Nevada. On September 19, 2001, in Arizona, Adolphs knowingly possessed a U.S. Treasury check made payable to a victim in the amount of \$300.00 and Safeway money order purchased by a second victim in the amount of \$450.19. Both defendants admitted Adolphs knew the documents had been stolen from the U.S. mail when he possessed them. On November 20, 2001, in Arizona, Adolphs and Whitebread knowingly possessed a U.S. Treasury check made payable to a third victim in the amount of \$300.00, a U.S. Treasury check made payable to a fourth victim in the amount of \$300.00, an Albertson's money order purchased by a fifth victim in the amount of \$107.00, a Bank of America check for the account of a sixth victim, and a Wells Fargo check for the account of a seventh victim. Both defendants admitted that they knew all of the documents had been stolen from the U.S. mail when they possessed them. On December 12, 2001, in Arizona, Adolphs knowingly possessed a Harris Bank check for the account of a eighth victim and Bank of America check for the account of a ninth victim. Both defendants admitted Adolphs knew these documents had been stolen from the U.S. mail when he possessed them.

Finally, on December 22, 2001, Adolphs and Whitebread knowingly transported from Arizona to Las Vegas, Nevada, over 1,000 pieces of mail, knowing all of the mail had previously been stolen in Arizona, including a CITI credit card statement addressed to a Mesa, Arizona, resident and a MasterCard credit card solicitation addressed to a Chandler, Arizona, resident.

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Adolphs was in federal custody pending sentencing and Whitebread was taken into custody immediately after her sentencing. Both defendants were remanded by Judge Silver to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons after sentencing.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Postal Inspection Service with assistance from the Phoenix, Scottsdale and Las Vegas Metro Police Departments.

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